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Desert Vista Wins in Children's Book Drive

Tempe, AZ – Students at Desert Vista High School raised over 800 books in competition with 4 local high schools to win 100 tickets to Arizona State University's football game Friday, Nov. 13 against University of Washington. Over 1,300 books were donated from all participating high schools.

"We did not expect to receive over 1,000 books," said Lynette Stonefeld, CIS Director. "It's great to see the high schools get involved with literacy in their community."

Communities In School's (CIS) new initiative, Communities for Kids, organized the book drive for the first time in partnership with Peer Solutions' Stand & Serve clubs.

The Communities for Kids initiative distributed books to the following locations: Connolly Middle School, New Life Center (a refuge from domestic violence) and family resource centers in Tempe schools. Aguilar Elementary School, Fuller Elementary School and Nevitt Elementary School will use the books in their parent resource centers.

The following high schools participated in the book drive: Tempe High School, Desert Vista High School, McClintock High School, Corona del Sol High School and North High School in Phoenix.

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Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools (CIS) is a project of the Tempe Community Council. Our mission is to promote partnerships between the community, schools, and families to encourage young people to stay in school and prepare for life.